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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Sorry for the small content in this week's bulletin. Your editor has been sick (I mean really sick) since Thursday and I actually had to force myself to write the following. Hopefully I will be back to normal next week.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20th-April, through Sunday, 27th-April there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3E100, PANAMA (Special Event)

Jose, HP2AT, will be active with the special callsign 3E100PC from Panama between June 1st and August 31st. Activity is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Panama Canal. Operations will be on the HF bands. QSL via HP2AT direct. All QSOs will be confirmed via LOTW.

5Z, KENYA

Toru, JH0CJH, has once again returned to Nairobi, Kenya, and will be active as 5Z4/JH0CJH until May 3rd. Activity will be mainly 40-10 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

8J, JAPAN (Special Event)

The QRP day special event station 8J2VLP (It stands for "very low power.") will be active with 5 watts between April 26th and June 30th. The QSLs will be sent automatically via the JARL Bureau. Three other stations, 8J4VLP, 8J6VLP, and 8J9VLP will also be on the air.

A2, BOTSWANA

Gerard (Gert), ZS6AYU, will once again be active as A25GF between May 16-18th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW only. He will also try 6 meters. Gert will use a AVQ640 vertical running 400 watts. QSL via ZS6AYU, direct or by the Bureau.

A3, TONGA

Masa, JA0RQV, will once again be active from Tonga. This time he will activate **Niuatoputapu Island (OC-191)** at the very small northern end of Tongan territory, and will be signing as A35JP/P between May 28th and June 3rd. Operations will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. His equipment is an IC-7000 (w/100W) into a vertical antenna. Activity will be limited and much is depending on the availability of electric power since there is no commercial electric power at all. He must find a gen- erator or car battery. In case his flight is cancelled, Masa will be active from Vava'u Island (OC-064) or Tongatapu Island (OC-049) instead. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct (SASE w/1 IRC) or LoTW. For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at:

http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv

CY0, SABLE ISLANDS (60m)

Aaron, VA1AXC/CY0, was active the past week during his nights with a nice signal. He will be on the island for two months (his work rotation). He is using a Pro III and an Inverted Vee, donated by K4AVC. Also, both WA4DAN and VE1RGB have been a big help in supplying the radio and other antennas. QSL via JE1LET.

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS

A group of operators consisting of 4F2KWT, AD5MD, DU1BP, K6BF, K6BG, WA6LOS, WE6DX, WJ1P and WW6CP are planning to be active as DX0P from **Spratly (AS-051)** sometime in April 2015. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Four members of the Yamato Amateur Radio Club will be active from Rarotonga, South Cook Islands, with their own individ- ual callsigns between May 22-31st. Operators mentioned are Kuni/JA8VE (E51AVE), Sasi/JA1KJW (E51KJW), Mat/JA1JQY (JA1JQY) and Kaoru/JA3MCA (E51MCA). Activity will be on all HF bands from 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via each operator's home callsign, SASE or by the Bureau.

EUROPE TRIP

Dave, WJ2O, plans to active from the following locations:

F/WJ2O/m - France; July 4-7th
GJ/WJ2O/m - Jersey; July 8-11th
GU/WJ2O/m - Jersey; July 12-15th, to include SOAB LP IARU Contest
F/WJ2O/m - France; July 16-17th

QSL via N2ZN and LoTW.

FT5ZM PHOTOBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

Nodir, EY8MM, informed OPDX that he finished his work on FT5ZM photobook. These are some great photos and info on the FT5ZM DXpedition.

Printed (hardware) version [216 pages]:
http://www.blurb.com/b/5250689-amsterdam-island-expedition

IBooks format. Free to download. About 650 mb size. (65 pages)
http://store.blurb.com/ebooks/470602-amsterdam-island-expedition

GM, SCOTLAND (Islands Op)

Alex, G0DHZ, informs OPDX that he will fly to Glasgow on May 3rd, and team up with Andre, GM3VLB, to spend 3 weeks activating Scottish Islands (their list consists of approx. 27 seperate islands). Alex states that there is so much to arrange, he feels they will not be able to access all of the 27. Operations will be on SSB and CW -- 14257 kHz is a regular spot for SSB, but band condx rules, and CW will be around the + 20 kHz on a frequency where allowed. Islands mentioned are: Bass Rock, Incholm, Davaar, Pladda, Holy Is., Arran, Horse, Burnt, Gigalum, Gigha, Texa, Orsay, Danna, Iona, Kerrera, Lismore, Calve, Carna, Oronsay, Lady Isle, Staffa, and Little Colonsay. QSLs for GM3VLB is direct. GM0DHZ will be via eQSL, to GM0DHZ or direct to G0DHZ or by the Bureau.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Ronny, OT4R, will be active as HI7/OT4R from Punta Cana between May 10-31st. Activity will be on 20 and 10 meters SSB. QSL via LoTW or eQSL only. NO PAPER QSL CARDS.

IOTA NEWS

EU-010. Members of the Camb-Hams will be active as GS3PYE/P from the Isle of Lewis between April 26th and May 3rd. The Camb-Hams have been activating the Scottish Isles each year since 2008 and will be travelling to the **Isle of Lewis** in the Scottish Outer Hebrides in 2014.

Thirteen operators will be active on all bands and many modes from 4m to 80m, 2m & 70cm for Satellites and 2m & 23cm for EME between April 26th and May 3rd. The HF bands will be covered by five simultaneous stations, while the 6m & 4m stations will have a great take-off towards the UK and Europe from the island's northern tip in IO68 square. All stations will be able to run at the full UK power limit.

EME operations will use 150W to 55 elements on 23cm and 400W to 17 elements on 2m, primarily on JT65 but also available for CW skeds - if your station is big enough.

Satellite operations on 2m & 70cm will use X-Quad antennas and a fully automatic Az/El tracking system. Activity is planned on AO-7 (mode B), VO-52, FO-29, SO-50 & AO-73.

Contest operations will take place in the RSGB 70MHz UKAC on April 29th. A number of the group is planning to make an extra trip to operate as GS6PYE/P from the **Shiant Isles (EU-112)**. They are aiming for afternoon/early evening operations on April 28th, but may switch to April 30th if the weather is bad. The group will be active on HF mobile and APRS as they travel, starting on April 25th. All the up-to-date plans and progress will be on

dx.camb-hams.com

Most importantly, this is a group of good friends doing what they enjoy, so please give them a call and enjoy the trip with them. Active on the major social networks before, during and after the trip, you can check on progress and interact with the operators via their blog **dx.camb-hams.com** or through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube [links below].

Please E-mail **skeds-2014@camb-hams.com** to arrange skeds on the more challenging bands and modes. VHF and EME skeds will also be made via ON4KST, HB9Q (1296) and N0UK's EME Chat (144). All links are available via **dx.camb-hams.com**. QSL via OQRS (info on **QRZ.com**) or M0VFC direct or via bureau.

dx.camb-hams.com	facebook.com/CambHams
twitter.com/g3pye	youtube.com/CambHams

EU-124. Ed, GW3SQX, will be active as GW7O from **Holy Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/High- Power entry. QSL via GW3SQX.

NA-079. Dan, AK4PX, will be heading to **Dry Tortugas** to activate Grid EL84 during the ARRL June VHF Contest timeframe and, of course, for some fun in the sun and in the clear blue waters of Garden Key. This will be a Single Operator Portable, weather permitting. AK4PX will be operating during the contest with the following equipment: ICOM IC-703Plus, 6m two-element Yagi, Buddipole 18ft mast and tripod, and a EARCH end fed halfwave. His GoBox has an internal 9ah cell and he will also have a separate power box with twin 18ah cells, all supported by a 27w solar panel. Bands: 50MHZ (Yagi), 40-10m (EFHW). Modes: SSB. QSL will be by LoTW. A specific Dry Tortugas paper QSL card will be available as well for those who send him a SASE. Your paper QSL is desired but not required.

J7, DOMINICA

Walter, HB9MFM, will once again be active as J79WTA from the Tamarind Tree Hotel near Salisbury on Dominica (NA-101) until June 8th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK. He will use an IC-7000 with an ACOM 1000 into a dipole

50m above sea level and Spider Beam. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

NH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Operators Yutaka/JQ2GYU/WS2Y and his wife Miho/ JJ2VLY/WS2M will be active as NH0J from **Tinian Island (OC-086)**, Northern Mariana Islands, the special commemorative Tinian station of the "J-Tinian Radio Space Club, between May 6-11th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Miho will focus on RTTY. QSL via JJ2VLY, direct (SAE + 2 USDs) or by the JARL Bureau. Please don't send your QSL request to Tinian Island. For more details and updates, see:

http://jq2gyu.blogspot.jp

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (NA-106)

Operators George/K5KG, Ron/KK9K, Scott/ NE9U and possibly others will be active as NP2X from the "Caribbean Friends United By Amateur Radio" Gallows Bay Club Station on **St. Croix** during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via K5WW.

PJ4, BONAIRE

Operators Redd/AI2N, Ken/N2ZN and Dave/WJ2O will be active as PJ4J from **Bonaire (SA-006)** between May 21-28th. Activity will include the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Multi-Op/One-TX/All-Band entry.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 28th- May 4th)

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Apr/28th AN      May/01st  AN      May/03rd  AN
Apr/29th AN      May/02nd  AN      May/04th  AN
Apr/30th AN

  SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
  -----------------         ------       --------    ------
  AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
  HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
  LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
  BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
  DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
  VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9        100-400
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PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA

Leo, PP1CZ, is once again active as PY0F/PP1CZ from **Fernando de Noronha (SA-003)** until April 29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, RTTY and some SSB. His equipment is an IC-7000 and/or possibly a Yaesu FL-2100Z into a G5RV and A4S antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct, LoTW or by the Bureau (very slow).

QSL INFO AND NEWS

MATTHEW ISLAND LOGS (Previous Operators). Jean-Michel, F6AJA, informs OPDX that both logs and cards are still available for previous activities from Matthew Island. There were two activities from Matthew by Eddy/FK8CR, Eric/FK8GM and Claude/FK1RF. The first

one was between December 3-4th, 1996, and the second operation was only for one day on April 23rd, 1997. The logs are here:

http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php

Both QSL cards can be seen at:
http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerie/galerie2.php?page=fkfofwqsl&pfx=FK_M&id=FK5M

QSL UP44WFF via LoTW, direct and eQSL. This was a WWFF activation for "International Day of the Earth". Activity on April 25th, was from UNFF-038 (New One) State nature monument "Charyn ash-tree forest", UNR-036 Charyn river (New One), KDA Q-15 Uighur district, and QTH WW. Loc. MN93QQ. Activity on April 26, was from UNFF-004 Charyn National Park, UNR-036 Charyn River (New One), KDA Q-15 Uighur district, and QTH WW. Loc. MN93QQ.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4Z5CP, CN8YZ, CZ1FU, D2QMN, D3AA, DF8AA, DK3RA, DM5BB, GI4SNA, J8/LY2IJ, PE2LZ, PJ4H, PJ5/K3TRM, PR2W, RA22KW, SV2DSJ, UA0FO, VU4k, XR0ZR and ZP5DBC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3A2LF, E77DX, EX8M, TY1TT, VK9X/K7CO, YB4IR/P and ZS8C

Q**SLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU**: 3D2A, 3D2RO, 4L8A, 4S7TRG, 4W/CU3FT, 5B4AII, 5H1FS, 5H3NP, 5N0OCH, 5T5BV, 5V7TH, 5Z4/DL8NBE, 6Y5/DL3JH, 6Y9X, 7X3WPL, 8P5A, 9A/K1ZZ, 9H25Y, 9H3KK, 9H3TR, 9H3TX, 9H3YM, A31JY, A31KJ, A31MA, A31VE, AH0I, C5/M1KTA, C5A, C6AUM, CE5CN, CR2T, CU3AF, CU3AK, CU3AN, CU3CY, CU3EM, CU3EM, CU9X, D4C, EA5/NP3D, EA8/DJ9BN, EA8/DL7ASL, EA8/DL7VOA, EA8/OK1FZM, EA8ARG, EA8AY, EA8CLX, EA8CVA, EL2A, ER240C, ER44WFF, ER570C, ER65V, ES51NOU, EY8MM, FK/JJ2NYT, FM/F5UFX, FM5WD, FP/G3ZAY, FS/K9EL, FY/F6CKD, FY/OK1RI, FY/OM6NM, HB0/DL2SBY, HB0/IN3HUU, HK3W, J6/KA9P, J6/W4VAB, J79ZG, J88HL, JD1BMH, JW/DK8FD, JW/DL2JRM, KG4EM, KL7/K8GU, KL7IDA, KL7LT, KP2/K5WE, MJ/ON6NB, MJ0AWR, NT5V/KP2, OJ0V, OX3KQ, OY2H, P29VPY, P3N, P40A, P40L, PJ2/DL0IPS, PJ2/DL6JFR, PJ2/DL8AKI, PJ2/PD4JOF, PJ4M, PJ7N, PJ7TM, PJ7XK, PY0FF, PZ5MM, RA/KE5JA, S21B, S9SS, SV5/OK2ZV, T30OU, T33KV, TC03W, TL5A, TM1MAD, TO11A, TO7ZG, TS7C, V31LJ, V31YK, V3A, V5/DL5XL, VI2AJ2010, VI6CHOGM, VI6NC, VK100ARV, VK100WIA, VK5CE/4, VK9L/W7AVO, VP2MUQ, VP5/N7OU, VP5T, VP8LP, WI9WI/C6A, WL7BKA, WP2U, WP4L, XR3P, XW0YJY, YE0M, YN2AA, ZD8ZZ and ZF2UQ

SW9, CRETE

Uli, DJ9XB, will be active as SW9XB from Paleochora between May 6-16th. Activity will be on the HF band, RTTY only. QSL via DJ9XB and LoTW.

TO6, GUADELOUPE

Sam, F6AML, will be active as TO6A from **Les Saintes Islands (NA-114)** between May 5-20th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

YW0, AVES ISLAND

The YW0A team is expected to leave port on April 29th, at 7:00 AM local local. The trip to

Aves Island will take 40 hours, so do not look for activity until around 12:00 local on April 30th. Operations are expected to last between 5-7 days (May 7th). Operators mentioned are Franco/YV1FM, Julio/YV1KK, Heiroun/YV4KM, Pasquale/YV5KAJ, Gregorio/YV5OK, Rafael/YV5RED (co-leader), Jose/YV5TX, Alex/YV6CQ (team leader) and Reinaldo/YV8AD. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via EB7DX (David Lianez Fernandez, PO Box 163, 21080 Huelva, Spain), LoTW and ClubLog OQRS. It is suggested to watch the following media Web pages for updates at:
DXpedition's Web page - **http://www.avesisland.info**
4M5DX Group's Facebook page - **https://www.facebook.com/4M5DX**
4M5DX Group's Twitter page - **https://twitter.com/4m5dxgroup**

Z2, ZIMBABWE

Gerard (Gert), ZS6AYU, will once again be active as Z21GF from Victoria Falls between May 19-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW only. He will also try 6 meters. Gert will use a AVQ640 vertical running 400 watts. QSL via ZS6AYU, direct or by the Bureau.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Oliver, W6NV, will once again be active as ZD8W from **Ascension Island (AF-003)** during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). Look for activity outside of the contest on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via W6NV. More details should be forthcoming.

No Additional Bulletins for OPDX InterNet Subscribers this week

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http://www.nodxa.org

http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

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